

No. RM-1 (10)/76

*Dated the 17th June, 1976*

To

All The Chief Engineers/Additional Chief Engineers of State Public Works Departments dealing with National Highways

Subject : Creation of new sub-head for the maintenance and-repairs of Central Road Construction machinery

I am to invite your attention to last sub-para of item (6) of the draft minutes of the Chief Engineers meeting held at Hyderabad on the 6th January 1976 forwarded vide this Ministry's letter No. PL-2 (13)/75 dated the 3rd March 1976 and to say that the following new sub-head has been opened for meeting the expenditure on the maintenance and repairs of Central Road Construction Machinery.

A. Roads & Bridges. A. 2-National Highways

A. 2 (1)-Maintenance. A. 2 (1) (3)-Machinery Subordinate to the Major Head "337"

2. As per the earlier instructions issued, the operational component of Hire charges is to be credited to 'Repair Reserve Fund' so that the expenditure incurred for repair and maintenance of Central machinery is met out of this fund. It is learnt that some of the States could not adopt this procedure due to various reasons. The matter was examined by Road Building Machinery Committee and on the basis of its recommendation, it has been decided in consultation with the Ministry of Finance (i) that the operation of such system of 'Repair Reserve Fund' may be dispensed with immediate effect (ii) The operational charges component of (Hire Charges of machinery) may be treated as revenue receipt (iii) The Credits accrued in this connection may be given to the Head "059-Public Works Hire Charges of Machinery and Equipment" adjustable by the Accountant General, Commerce, Works and Miscellaneous New Delhi. (iv) The past credits, if kept in 'suspense or deposit account' may also be credited to this head of account. (v) Action may also be taken for transferring the credits to Central head now indicated, in case they were credited to State Revenue etc. (vi) The detailed account of Operational Charges earned by each machine from the time of its

receipt, may be sent to Ministry.

It is requested that suitable instructions may please be given to all concerned.

3. The estimates for the repairs of all Central machinery and maintenance of surplus/idle machines may however be continued to be prepared and submitted to the Ministry in the beginning of each financial year as per the existing instructions issued vide Ministry's letter number RM. 1 (4) 70 dated 21st July 1972. These estimates will be examined in the Ministry and funds for the sanctioned amount will be allotted under the new sub head indicated in para 1 above, for being spent within the same financial year.

4. The State Public Works Department's are, therefore, requested to intimate the details of the repairs/maintenance estimates already submitted to the Ministry/Ministry Regional offices, and also likely to be submitted during the financial year 1976-77, to enable the Ministry to assess the requirement of funds for the repair and maintenance of central machinery for your State. In case no information is received by the 30th June, 1976, it will be presumed that no funds are required by the State for the repairs/maintenance of Central machines during 1976-77.

5. It is also requested that States may ensure to submit all the repairs/maintenance estimates in respect of central machinery for the year 1976-77 positively by 31st July, 1976 so that these could be examined, sanctioned, funds allotted and utilised before the end of financial year i.e. 1976-77.